

Dear Committee Members:

Most support for wolf hunts is based on emotion and general statements such as "reducing cattle depredation," and with little substantial evidence.

Wolf damage to cattle amounts to about \$30 per wolf during a bad year. **My cat does more damage.** As of June of 2012 this amounted to \$15 per wolf at \$10,000.

Wolves kill deer, but less than 5% of what people kill.

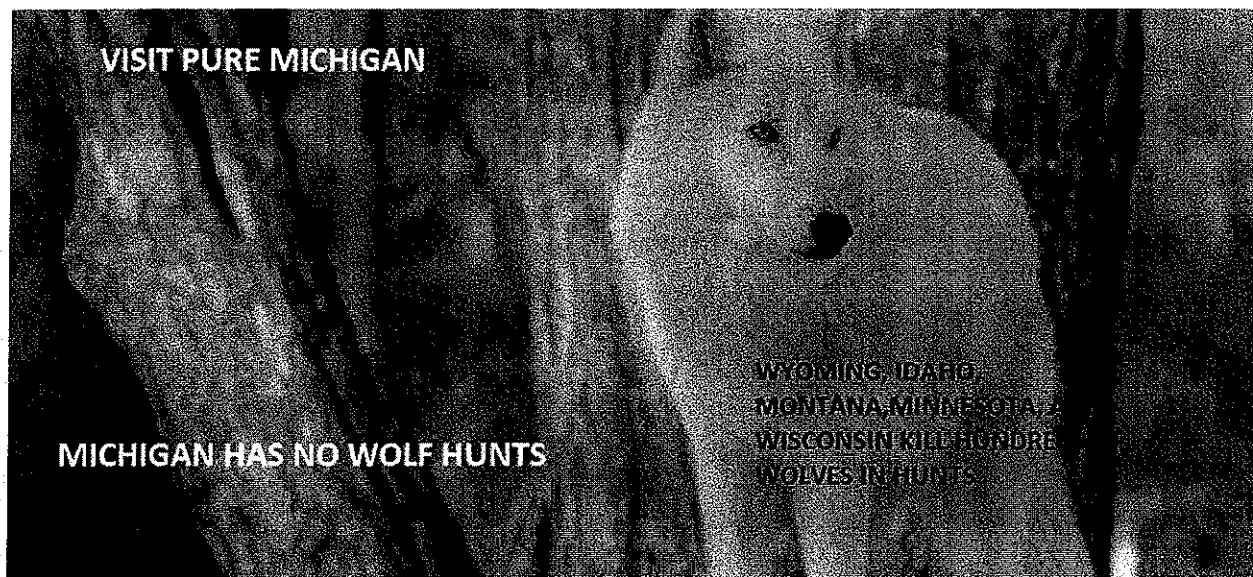
Leg traps are inhumane. I went on a trapping trip and the best part of the process was when the animal was clubbed to death (don't want to damage to pelt) and ended the fear and pain.

Since we are the only state with a significant number of wolves that will not have a wolf hunt, we have the opportunity to use this as a marketing device. If people will buy recycled paper products, because it might help save a tree, then they surely will prefer buy agricultural products (try beef) from a state that doesn't kill hundreds of wolves to produce those products.

If this is a largely Republican effort, then it will cement a growing reputation for lack of sympathy for the helpless.

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